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SUBJECT: USS PUEBLO (AGER-2); Classified Material
Compromise (C)

TO: Chief of Naval Operations
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: OP-092

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1. Reference is made to your letter, Serial: SPIDA SSO-3-0056-69, subject as above, dated 20 March 1969.

2. This Agency has prepared a Cryptologic/Cryptographic Damage Assessment report on the loss of the USS PUEBLO. The report was provided to the United States Intelligence Board on 27 March 1969. A large portion of the Cryptologic Damage Assessment (Section IV, Volume II, pages 340-469) is devoted to a detailed treatment of the Operational Intelligence Broadcast material. The assessments were made by target area; an Inventory by Originator was also compiled. Since all SIGINT-related items were assessed, those activities shown as recipients of your letter have also been covered in large measure in the NSA assessment.

3. While the format of the NSA assessment differs from the format requested in your letter, the essential information is contained therein.

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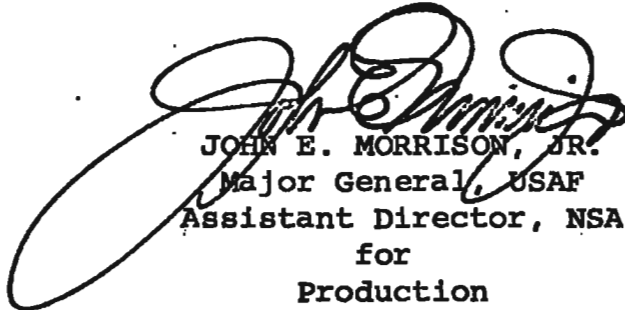
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4. In view of that fact, this Agency does not believe that an assessment such as the one requested would produce any new or hitherto unreported information.



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M/R: Referenced letter enclosed copies of items (from Operational Intelligence Broadcast Rolls for 5-23 Jan 68, which were compromised through the capture of the USS PUEBLO) which were originated either by DIRNSA or by elements under the jurisdiction of DIRNSA. The letter requests that an assessment be made of the damage which resulted from that loss.

A complete assessment was made on all SIGINT-related OPINTEL Broadcast items, by the NSA members of the Special PUEBLO Intelligence Damage Assessment (SPIDA) Team; that assessment was incorporated into NSA's Cryptologic/Cryptographic Damage Assessment report to USIB.

Instant letter advises CNO of these facts, and indicates that another assessment, in a format described in the referenced letter, will not be made.

R.D. Snow
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Note: [redacted] chief of the CNO SPIDA team & originator of the ref letter is aware of the threat of this answer and sees no objection to it.

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